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Strengthening further the Economic and Social Council, building on its recent achievements, to help it fulfil the role ascribed to it in the Charter of the United Nations as contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration

Note by the Secretariat

The Economic and Social Council adopted the agreed conclusions 2002/1 of its coordination segment and forwarded those agreed conclusions to the General Assembly for its appropriate action, stressing therein the importance of a more effective use of the existing structure, that is to say, the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council and its subsidiary machinery, for a coordinated and integrated follow-up to and implementation of the commitments agreed at the Millennium Summit and other major United Nations conferences and summits, so as to avoid overlap and redundancy and enhance effectiveness of actions at all levels. The Council also agreed that the items considered in its general segment should be streamlined, in particular by transmitting to the Assembly items more appropriately considered by the Assembly and avoiding addressing the same issues in more than one segment, unless that was specifically decided. The Council stated that, at the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2003, it would benefit from the Assembly's discussion on strengthening the organization.

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